

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Agenda Item Summary**

**Meeting Date**      June 18, 2003      **Division**      **County Attorney**

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING**

Public hearing of an ordinance amending Sec. 6-59(I), (II) and 6-62, MCC, in order to delete references to the firm Block & Associates as the examination agency for the Contractors Examining Board.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND**

The County has been accepting the successor entity examination agency since Block & Associates terminated business and all of the appropriate sections of the Code were not revised to reflect the successor agency. Now a third entity which conducts such contractors licensing examinations has commenced business, but the Contractors Examining Board has not had an opportunity to review their qualifications and testing comprehensiveness. To avoid future problems with businesses going out of business, being merged with other businesses, etc., it is desired to make a more generic description of the examination agency.

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION**

See above.

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES**  
N/A

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Approval.

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**TOTAL COST**  
**COST TO COUNTY**

**BUDGETED**    Yes    No  
**SOURCE OF FUNDS**

**APPROVED BY:**    County Attorney ☒    OMB/Purchasing ☐    Risk Management ☐

**DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:**

  
J. R. COLLINS

**DOCUMENTATION:**    Included ☐    To Follow ☐    Not Required ☐

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2003**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SEC. 6-59(III) AND 6-62, MONROE COUNTY CODE, REGARDING THE TESTING AGENCY, DELETING BLOCK & ASSOCIATES AND ADDING SUCH EXAMINER AS DESIGNATED BY THE CONTRACTORS EXAMINING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE MONROE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the examining firm of Block & Associates has been out of business for some time and only portions of the County Code have been corrected to reflect the requirement that examination be by such examiner as designated by the Contractors Examining Board; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Sec. 6-59(I)(d), MCC, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (d) The examination will be provided by ~~Block & Associates~~ such examining agency as is designated by the Contractors Examining Board, and The designation as examining agency shall continue unless and until a Request for Qualifications process results in a determination that a new examining agency should be designated or there is a new sole source provider. The examination will be ordered by category by the secretary as approved by the board. It will be administered on a Saturday at the Marathon High School and proctored as designated by the board by Block & Associates. Administrative support will be provided by the building department as required.

Section 2. Sec. 6-59(I)(e), MCC, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (e) Examinations shall be provided by ~~a type as furnished by Block & Associates of Gainesville, Florida.~~ an independent agency which is designated by the Contractors Examining Board as the examining agency for Monroe County.

Section 3. Sec. 6-59(II), last paragraph, MCC, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Persons seeking a certificate of competency in any of the specialty trades other than burglar alarms, demolition, drywall, gasoline tank and pump, house moving, lawn sprinkler, structural steel erection, sign erection, swimming pool servicing, and welding may substitute for the two (2) years' experience in the field, a minimum grade of seventy (70) percent on the respective technical examination provided by ~~Block & Associates.~~ an independent examination agency which is designated by the Contractors Examining Board.

Section 4. Sec. 6-62, MCC, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Every person who, under the terms of this article, is required to hold a certificate of competency, and who has written proof from the City of Key West, Florida, Building Department, or other county or municipality in the State of Florida, stating that the applicant has scored a minimum grade of seventy (70) percent on ~~the Bloek & Associates an independent examination agency which is designated by the Contractors Examining Board.~~ Examination corresponding and equivalent to any examination required for an existing category licensed under this chapter and proctored by ~~Bloek & Associates the examination agency~~ shall be entitled to a certificate of competency without examination; but such certificate shall be subject to any restrictions and limitations carried by the current county certificate and shall entitle the holder of such certificate to do business only in the unincorporated areas of the county. The equivalency of the examinations shall be determined by the Contractors Examining Board. All prerequisites, other than testing, for a certificate of competency shall be met prior to issuance of a reciprocal certificate. The terms of this section apply solely to reciprocity with such counties and municipalities providing reciprocity to contractors who hold a certificate of competency issued by Monroe County. The examinations must have been conducted for the licensure by the particular county or municipality with which Monroe County has a reciprocal agreement.

**Section 5.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

**Section 6.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

**Section 7.** The provisions of this ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Code of Ordinances of the County of Monroe, Florida, as an addition or amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Code.

**Section 8.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon receipt of official notice from the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida that this ordinance has been filed with said Office.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 18th day of June, 2003.

Mayor Spehar  
Mayor Pro Tem Nelson  
Commissioner McCoy  
Commissioner Neugent  
Commissioner Rice

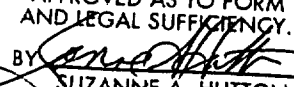
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(SEAL)  
Attest: DANNY L. KOLHAGE, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk  
JordCEBtest

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor/Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY.  
BY   
SUZANNE A. HUTTON  
DATE 5/02/03